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Public Act No. 09-197

AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING OF ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES AND MATERNITY HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-491 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):

(a) No person acting individually or jointly with any other person shall establish, conduct, operate or maintain an institution in this state without a license as required by this chapter, except for persons issued a license by the Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-145 for the operation of (1) a substance abuse treatment facility, or (2) a facility for the purpose of caring for women during pregnancies and for women and their infants following such pregnancies. Application for such license shall be made to the Department of Public Health upon forms provided by it and shall contain such information as the department requires, which may include affirmative evidence of ability to comply with reasonable standards and regulations prescribed under the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may require as a condition of licensure that an applicant sign a consent order providing reasonable assurances of

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compliance with the Public Health Code. The commissioner may issue more than one chronic disease hospital license to a single institution until such time as the state offers a rehabilitation hospital license.

Sec. 2. Section 20-14i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

Any provisions to the contrary notwithstanding, chapter 378 shall not prohibit the administration of medication to persons (1) attending day programs, residing in residential facilities or receiving individual and family support, under the jurisdiction of the Departments of Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services, [or] (2) being detained in juvenile detention centers or residing in residential facilities dually licensed by the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Public Health, or (3) residing in substance abuse treatment facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-145 when such medication is administered by trained persons, pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed under this chapter, a dentist licensed under chapter 379, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, authorized to prescribe such medication. The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions, facilities or programs licensed pursuant to chapter 368v.

Sec. 3. Section 19a-506 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2009*)

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